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Quoted below in translation are the principal portions of a letter, dated 13 January 1949, addressed to Felipe Arconada of the Spanish Communist Party in Mexico City, and written by Antonio Mije, of the Political Bureau of the Spanish Communist Party, currently residing in Paris. Notes in parentheses

- new are sending you instructions on the necessity of emphasizing in your publications and public acts the importance of the victory of our Chinese comrades, the political significance of which is the resounding failure of American policy in its attempt to withstand Communist forces in Asia. Do not neglect the chance to emphasize that it is the beginning of the failure of the Marshall Plan, which authorized large grants to reactionary China, which has been overrun by the Chinese democratic armies. This delightful lesson which the world has just learned puts us in a good position to refute the reactionary and imperialistic policies of the west.
- 2. "The French Government is daily approaching a De Gaullist program which will end with persecution of our comrades. Our agents have informed us that the government is revoking the license of 'Chargeurs Reunis' the international line to America, giving this service exclusively to the French Line. (This refers to a Marseilles corporation, known as Chargeurs Reunis which, with chartered boats, has been in the Atlantic service.

 reported that this line was being used by Spanish Communists in France to communicate with elements in Mexico.)
- 3. "The argument used to justify this measure has been the charge that 'Chargeurs' is being used by Communist agents. We are sending you more information on this matter, all of which will be marked 'Carga,' You will disregard any not so marked.
- 4. *Despite the protest of the liberal press, the general (refers to the self-styled Maquis General, Luis Fernandez) is still imprisoned, and for the moment all initiative and plans for his liberation have failed. Despite everything, however, we are pleased by the sympathy which has gone course imprisoned on the island(Corsice). RETURN TO ARCHIVES & RETURN TO ARCH

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5. "Dolores (Ibarruri) continues to improve. She gave us quite a scare

"Best wishes for your health."



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